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S. 523

To amend title 10, United States Code, to rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RENAMING OF DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE FOR**
4 **DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
5 **FORCES AS FALLEN HERO COMPENSATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 75 of
7 title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

1 (1) In section 1475(a), by striking “have a
2 death gratuity paid” and inserting “have fallen hero
3 compensation paid”.

4 (2) In section 1476(a)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “a death
6 gratuity” and inserting “fallen hero compensa-
7 tion”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “A death
9 gratuity” and inserting “Fallen hero compensa-
10 tion”.

11 (3) In section 1477(a), by striking “A death
12 gratuity” and inserting “Fallen hero compensation”.

13 (4) In section 1478(a), by striking “The death
14 gratuity” and inserting “The amount of fallen hero
15 compensation”.

16 (5) In section 1479(1), by striking “the death
17 gratuity” and inserting “fallen hero compensation”.

18 (6) In section 1489—

19 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “a gra-
20 tuity” in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
21 and inserting “fallen hero compensation”; and

22 (B) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting “or
23 other assistance” after “lesser death gratuity”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) Such subchapter
25 is further amended by striking “**Death gratuity:**” each

1 place it appears in the heading of sections 1475 through
2 1480 and 1489 and inserting “**Fallen hero com-**
3 **pensation:**”.

4 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such sub-
5 chapter is amended by striking “Death gratuity:” in the
6 items relating to sections 1474 through 1480 and 1489
7 and inserting “Fallen hero compensation:”.

8 (c) GENERAL REFERENCES.—Any reference to a
9 death gratuity payable under subchapter II of chapter 75
10 of title 10, United States Code, in any law, regulation,
11 document, paper, or other record of the United States
12 shall be deemed to be a reference to fallen hero compensa-
13 tion payable under such subchapter, as amended by this
14 section.

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